Josiah H. Benton Fd.
Apr. 21, 1939
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Camp on the Haw river
three Miles from the Iron Works
March 8th 1781

Sir

Capt Pierce one of my Aids wrote you day before yesterday of the Movements of the enemy and of their and our position and of the new route which you must pursue to form a junction. That letter I hope you have received and that you are directing your motions accordingly. We are now on the march towards Chambers's Mills in order to form a junction with you and wish you to force a march to that place as soon as possible. As the position is in the Neighbourhood of the enemy and not very eligible

to

a general action you will leave
your baggage to follow under a
small guard and join us before
morning if possible. Your baggage
for its greater security may
take a direction a little more
to the right.

If you hear of Col Campbell and General Lawson the first
with a Continental troops from
Virginia the last with a body of militia
from that State direct ~~them~~ their motions to the same place and if
their situation will admit of
it desire them to form a junction
or at the same time

The Army must be stripped
of all useless baggage and you will

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give the necessary directions accord-
ingly with the Militia under your
command. It is impossible for the
Army to be encumbered with much
baggage without hazarding ~~its ruin~~
the ruin of one and the loss of the
other.—

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obed^t
humble Ser
Nath Greene

Honble
Major General Caswell

To Genl. Caswell
March 8th 1781

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